



Uniformed Services University

of the

Health Sciences

4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

Telephone (toll free): 1-800-515-5257

<http://www.usuhs.mil/>

Fingertip Facts

Uniformed Services University (USU)

Established 1972 (first class graduated 1980)

President: James A. Zimble, M.D.

VADM, USN (Ret.)

Total Graduates (with year 2002 graduates)

Uniformed Services Physicians: 3,268

School of Medicine Graduate Programs: 714

Graduate Nursing Programs: 170

Base Operating Budget

\$84.8 million

Staff

867 (646 civilian; 221 military)

Faculty

332 on-campus and 3784 adjunct faculty off-campus

F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Dean: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D.,

CAPT, MC, USN, (Ret.)

Total Medical Student Enrollment: 685

Each entering class averages 165 with students from nearly all 50 states, and about 50 percent who enter with prior military service, including those from the three military academies.

Degree Conferred:

Doctor of Medicine

Graduate Education

Associate Dean: Cinda J. Helke, Ph.D.

Enrollment: 165

Degrees Conferred:

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Public Health

Master of Science

Master of Public Health

Master of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Master of Science in Military Medical History

Graduate School of Nursing

Dean: Patricia A. Hinton Walker, B.S.N.,

M.S.N, Ph.D.,

Enrollment: 52 (with Class of 2004)

Degrees Conferred:

Master of Science in Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Anesthesia

Research

Vice President: Steven G. Kaminsky, Ph.D.

Current Projects: 326

Total Research Funding: \$116.8 million

Continuing Education

for Health Care Professionals

Director: CAPT Jane E. Mead, NC, USN

During FY2001, USU held 508 activities in accredited continuing education for nearly 12,000 health care professionals.

Established by Congress in 1972, the University - with a worldwide reputation as a Center of Excellence for military medical education and research - is the nation's fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Its education, research and consultation programs are unique, related directly to military medicine, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military medical readiness and adaptation to extreme environments. We prepare outstanding scientists and health care practitioners for careers in service to the nation. USU was awarded the DoD Joint Meritorious Unit Award in 2000 for its significant accomplishments over the last decade.

School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing

The *F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine*, in the top 25 percent (class size) of accredited American medical schools has a year-round, four-year curriculum. This curriculum is nearly 700 hours - or about 20 weeks - longer than found at other U.S. medical schools. These extra hours focus on epidemiology, health promotion, disease prevention, tropical medicine, leadership and field exercises, and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented military physicians. Of the 3,268 physician alumni, over 90 percent currently serve on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service.

The *School of Medicine* also has graduated more than 714 Doctoral and Masters Degree candidates in the basic medical sciences and public health.

Authorized by the Congress in 1993, and by the Department of Defense, the *Graduate School of Nursing* is a fully accredited member of the University family with concentrations in advanced nursing practice, theory, role, research and the basic sciences.

The University's continuing medical education program is unique and extensive program, serving and sustaining the professional requirements of the Defense Department's worldwide military medical community through on-site and distance education, and certification programs.

Research

In cooperation with the *Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine*, the *National Institutes of Health*, the military services, and other government and private institutions, the University's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty provide cutting edge research and developments in the biomedical sciences, and in areas specific to the DoD health care mission such as combat casualty care and infectious diseases. The University also holds more than 50 patents or pending patents.

The Uniqueness of Military Medicine

The University specializes in military medicine which is more than practicing medicine in the military, differing significantly from civilian medicine. Military medicine involves prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the military operations they support, and are directly involved in the syndromes and injuries that are often rare or unknown among non-military populations. Military medicine requires a solid background in tropical medicine and hygiene, parasitology and a full understanding of epidemiologic methods and preventive medicine. Knowledge in areas of military medical intelligence, the psychologic stresses of combat and trauma, and the medical effects of extreme environments whether in aerospace, undersea, tropics or desert conditions are essential to properly advising a military commander on how to best keep troops fit. Also critical to a military physician's focus is disease prevention and health promotion in a wide variety of venues. Simply put, the focus is practicing "good medicine in bad places."

"Learning to care for those in harm's way."

Updated March, 2003